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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUPS FOR SAUDI ARABIA

1. TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PASKY HAS ASKED DEPT TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: IF IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, I WOULD PLAN TO COORDINATE ALL THE WORKING GROUPS. SINCE SECRETARY WILLIAM SIMON WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AND OPEN THE WORKING GROUPS, I SUGGEST WE ALTER THE SCHEDULE OF THE WORKING GROUPS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) WORKING GROUP ON INDUSTRIALIZATION. ARRIVAL IN RIYADH JULY 19, FRIDAY EVENING. US-SAUDI CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIALIZATION, JULY 21-23, SUNDAY THROUGH TUESDAY.

(2) WORKING GROUP ON MANPOWER AND EDUCATION. ARRIVAL IN RIYADH, JULY 22, MONDAY EVENING. US-SAUDI CONFERENCE ON MANPOWER AND EDUCATION, JULY 24-25, WEDNESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.

(3) WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. ARRIVAL IN RIYADH, JULY 25, THURSDAY EVENING. US-SAUDI CONFERENCE

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ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, JULY 27-29, SATURDAY THROUGH

MONDAY.

(4) WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE. ARRIVAL IN RIYADH, JULY 28, SUNDAY EVENING. US-SAUDI CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE, JULY 30-AUGUST 1, TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.

3. SECRETARY SIMON WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN SAUDI ARABIA ON THURSDAY, JULY 18, AND DEPART MONDAY, JULY 22.

4. WE WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OIL MINISTRY ON ENERGY ISSUES WHICH WE DISCUSSED HERE IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK. FURTHER, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF FINANCE WITH MEMBERS OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY. THESE DISCUSSIONS CAN BE SCHEDULED IN BETWEEN WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS AS YOU SUGGEST.

5. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN RIYADH OR ELSEWHERE IN SAUDI ARABIA. SISCO

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